# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DISINVESTMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:554
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SALE OF GOVERNMENT EQUITY
SHANKAR PRASAD JAISWAL

**Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether transparency is needed in the sale of the Government equity;

(b) if so, whether the entire process of disinvestment is aimed at converting the public sector into a productive and effective sector;

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the target of mobilising rupees ten thousand crore by disinvestment during 2000-2001 is much below than the loan liability; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE ( INDEPENDENT CHARGE ) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The Government`s disinvestment policy is aimed at optimal utilization of capital, better corporate governance, reduction in commercial risk of tax payer`s money, release of scarce resources for deployment in social sectors like family welfare, health, education and other sector of great public interest.

(d) & (e) Yes, Sir. The target for disinvestment for the year 2000-2001 is Rs.10,000 crore which is much below the loan liability of the Government of India. However, the process of disinvestment is not being linked to filling the fiscal deficit.